Introduction to eMARS 3.9



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Introduction to eMARS 3.9

1 - Orientation

The newest version of Advantage Financial, eMARS 3.9, will be available upon beginning of business Tuesday, April 17, 2012. Users will notice that the application looks different, but much of the functionality remains the same. In addition, some new functionality has been added to aid users in their daily business processes. This course will focus on how to navigate through the new User Interface (UI), documents and tables.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, you will be able to:

- Understand enhancements to the User Interface
- Locate Documents and Tables
- Locate and sort records on Tables
- Navigate and understand the enhancements to documents
- Utilize new navigation techniques

Changes and Improvements

Users will not notice major changes to the eMARS data. Historical document and table records will exist in eMARS 3.9. Basic Navigation is the biggest change along with some new functionality which may be covered in other training courses.

- New color scheme, more contrast
- Larger font
- Collapsible Navigation Bar
- Enhanced Document and Table navigation
- Jump To
- Vendor Transaction History Table





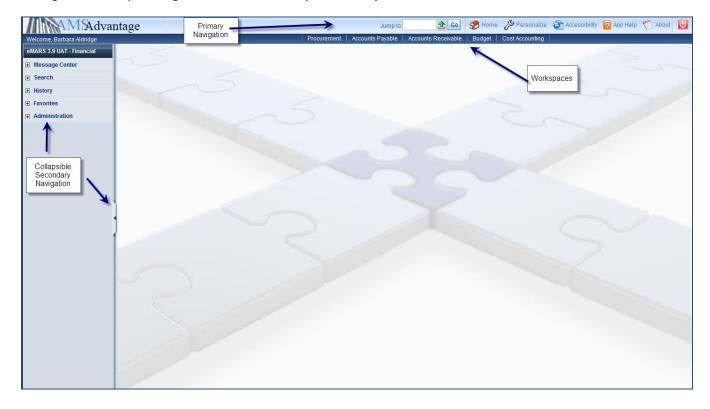
Logging In

Users will access eMARS via the same URL, emars.ky.gov, User ID and password.



2 – Basic Navigation

The eMARS Home page may look a little different, but users will find little change in the secondary navigation. Current page codes, document codes, favorites will all remain the same. Workspaces may change some depending on new functionality utilized by functional area.







Primary Navigation

The Primary Navigation bar is always visible and includes useful tools like the *Jump To* feature, *Home* link and *Log Out* button.



Jump To

The *Jump To* feature allows users "jump" or "leaf" to other pages without having to abandon the current document or page. Other notable points include:

- Must know the exact Page Code or use pick list to locate page
- Context Sensitive will transition to data on "target" page based upon data on "source" page
 - Example: Fund Table opens to fund present on document
- Leafing history retains last 5 pages
 - Back link will navigate to the previous page/leaf
 - Neither data or position within document or page is lost
- Auto-Transition to Budget Lines in most circumstances, the *Jump To* will transition to the specific budget line on the budget inquiry page provided all required chart of account elements are present

Home

The *Home* link will navigate the user back to the opening home page from within any document or page. Please be aware that the source document or page will no longer be visible after clicking the *Home* link. However, these can be retrieved from *History*.

Personalize

The *Personalize* option provides the ability to organize Favorites.

Accessibility

Advantage Financial contains built-in accessibility features to support the Federal Governments Section 508 requirements.

App Help

The *App Help* link opens a help page where users can locate information regarding all functional areas. Please note this information is not Kentucky specific.

About

The About links provides AMS Advantage Financial Application Version Number. Upon go live Kentucky's application version number will be 3.9.0.0.

Log Out

The Log Out button will properly log the user out of the application.







Secondary Navigation

The Secondary Navigation panel allows users to navigate to multiple areas of eMARS, including Worklists, Table/Pages, Documents, and Broadcasts.



Message Center

The *Message Center* allows users to reach Worklists for document approval and retrieve printable PDFs (Forms) of documents. Forms are discusses in the Other Features section of this manual.

Search

The Search area contains Page Search, Document Catalog and link to infoAdvantage.

History

The *History* area contains a log of documents and tables/pages opened while working in eMARS.

Favorites

The Favorites area allows users to set frequently used tables/pages for easy access. To set a Favorite:

- Open the table/page you want to add.
- Right mouse click on the table/page
- Select Add to Favorites
- Name your "favorite"







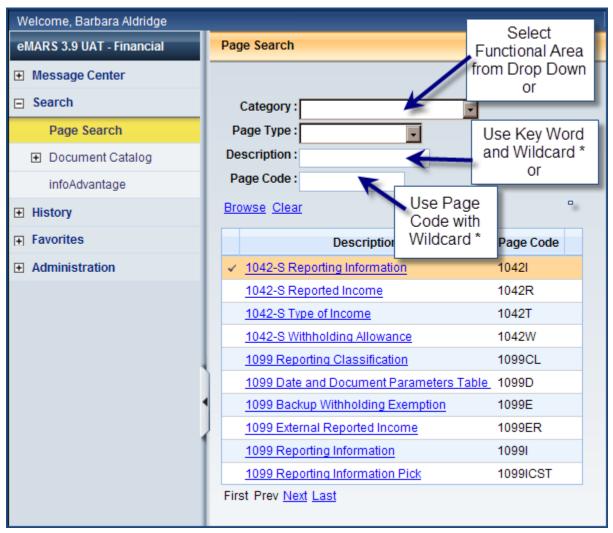


Administration

The Administration area provides the ability to manage your eMARS password. Please note that users will be automatically prompted to change their password every 30 days. Passwords must be between 8-16, alpha-numeric characters, contain at least one lower-case letter and one of the following special characters (period . at sign @ pound sign # dollar sign \$ percent sign % hyphen -).

3 - Table/Page Navigation

Tables/Pages are accessed through the *Page Search* within the *Search* area of *Secondary Navigation*. Users may enter the exact Page Code if known or use the Category and/or Description to search.





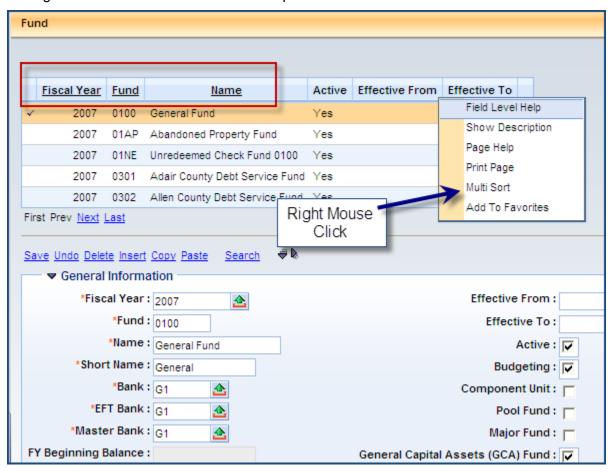


Multi-Sort

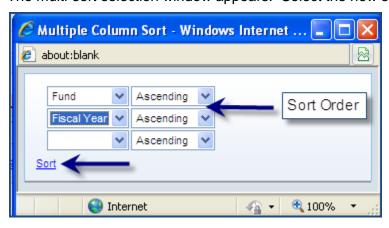
eMARS 3.9 tables have a new multi-sort feature that provides sort options on multiple fields.

Notable points:

- · Sortable fields are underlined
- Default sort is in column order
- Right-mouse click to select *Multi-Sort* option



The multi-sort selection window appears. Select the new sort order and click Sort





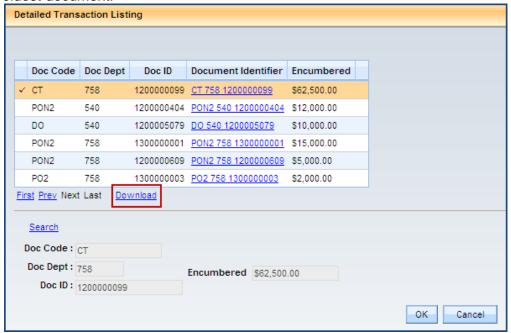


Drill Down and Export Functionality

Drill-down options are available on cash and budget inquiry tables. A Magnifying Glass is visible where

drill-down is present. Allotment Program BFY CAFR Fund Type Cabinet Function Group Function Type Fund Type Current Budget Encumbered Actual Expenses Unobligated √ 2013 1300 \$4,129,200.00 \$842,090.63 \$421,941.28 \$2,865,168.09 First Prev Next Last Search ♥ 🗟 Budget Actuals Purchase Reservations: \$0.00 Uncommitted: \$2.846.861.69 Pre-Encumbered: \$18,306.40 Q Unobligated: \$2,865,168.09 Encumbered: \$842,090.63 Unexpended Cash: \$3,708,552.97 Q Q YTD Unexpended Accrued: \$3,707,258.72 Accrued Expenses: \$1,294.25 Cash Expenses: \$420,647.03 Unexpended Accrued: \$3,707,258.72 Actual Expenses: \$421,941.28 Budgeted Amounts ▶ General Information Top Modified Budget Line Controls Allotments Mext Level Previous Level

When the *Magnifying Glass* is selected, a Detailed Transactions window opens with a listing of documents that makeup the corresponding value. The list is sorted by the most recent document to the oldest document.

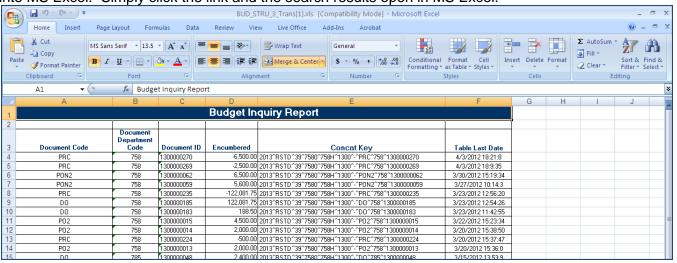




Allotment Program Summary



Selected tables/pages have a *Download* link available which exports the drill-down or search results into MS Excel. Simply click the link and the search results open in MS Excel.



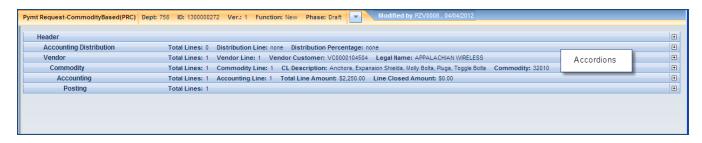
4 - Document Navigation

Documents are located via the Document Catalog. All documents currently existing in eMARS will still be present on the Document Catalog once eMARS 3.9 is available. Document navigation within eMARS 3.9 has been enhanced to give users options and permit a larger work space for document entry.

Accordion View vs. Document Navigator

The standard *Document Navigator* users are accustomed to today will not be visible when the document is opened. The *Accordion View* is the new option for navigation.

All documents will open to the Accordion View. However, the *Document Navigator* is still accessible from within the document itself.



Notable point regarding the Accordion View:

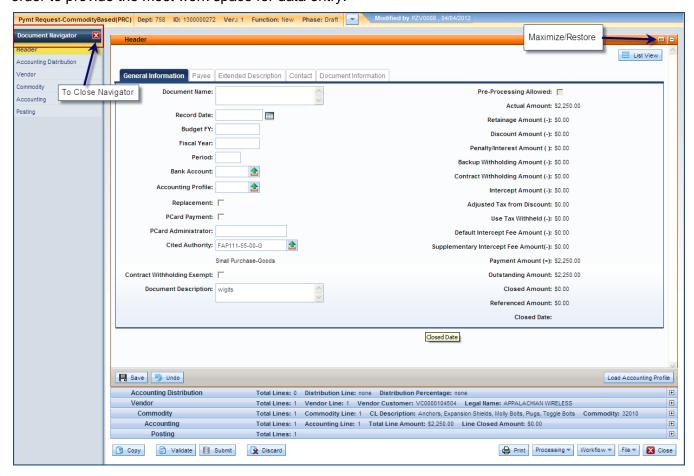
- Accordion (section) is expandable via the sign
 - Documents will open with the Header expanded
- Accordion provides high level detail regarding the section
- · Indentions represent Parent/Child relationship





For users who prefer to navigate using the *Document Navigator*, simply open the navigator using the arrow visible from the far left side of the window.

The navigator will open with the same sections as shown via the accordions. Please note that the accordions do not disappear and can still be used for navigation purposes. The Document Navigator can be closed via the red X. The Maximize/Restore icon can be used to maximize each section in order to provide the most work space for data entry.



Tab View vs. List View

Another navigational option is to move between document sub-sections using either the *Tab View* or *List View*. Each document will open up using the *Tab View*. Users can open the *List View* by clicking the *List View* button in the top right corner of the documents.



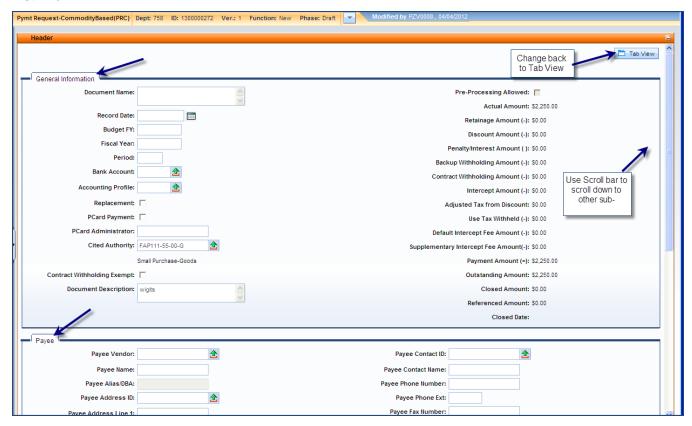




Tab View



List View

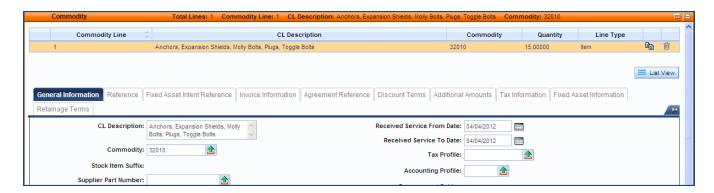






Details or No Details

Using the *Details* option is another good way to maximize your screen viewing as it only shows one line of information at a time within each section. This option is good for multi-line documents. Use the "push-pin" to open *Details*. Then Use the "eye" to expand the details.



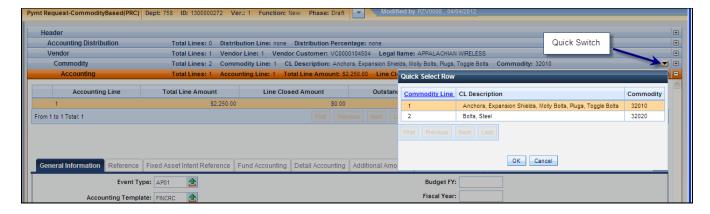
Select the "push-pin" again to view all lines

Other Document Features

eMARS 3.9 offers a variety of new features on the document to aid in document navigation and processing. Some are new and some are just in new locations.

Quick Switch

The *Quick Switch* feature allows users to move at the "child" level between "parents". For example, while within the Accounting section for commodity line 1, the *Quick Switch* feature can be used to switch to commodity line 2 while still within the Accounting section.







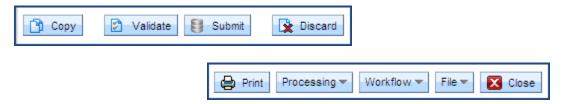
Buttons

Display buttons will vary based on the document status, accordion and the details setting.

Accordion specific buttons include:



Document buttons are always in view and include:



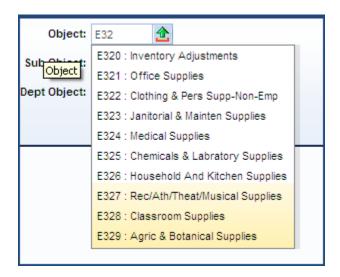
Users will find common functions currently used are now in the form of buttons rather than links and may be in different locations on the document.

Pick Lists

Users will find many more "pick lists" available on documents. "Pick-lists" are represented by a green arrow icon. Clicking on the icon will open up the respective reference table. "Pick-lists" are available throughout each document and now available for every chart of account element.

Type Ahead

The Type Ahead feature is available on most fields. It provides letter by letter filtering on selected fields. For instance, when searching for an object code, type in the Object field "E32" and Type Ahead will filter the object table for all entries beginning with "E32".







Edit With Grid

The Edit With Grid feature provides a "spreadsheet view" from within a particular document section as to provide easy data entry particularly for multi-line documents.

Edit with Grid



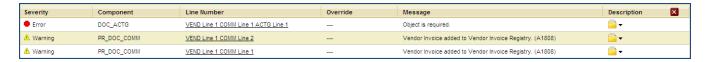
Use the Tab key to move from field to field.

Document Errors

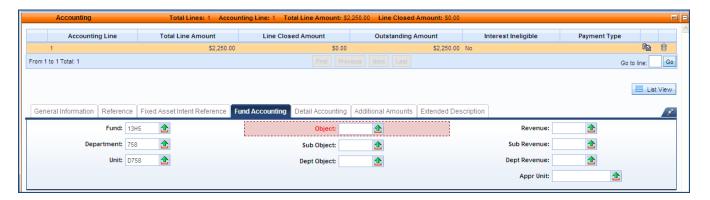
Document errors appear at the top of the document once it is validated. The error bar defaults to one line and shows the errors with the highest priority first (Severe, Error, Overridible, Warning, Information).



The error bar can be expanded by selecting View All, but it no longer opens a separate window.



Selecting the location link will navigate to the problem area of the document.

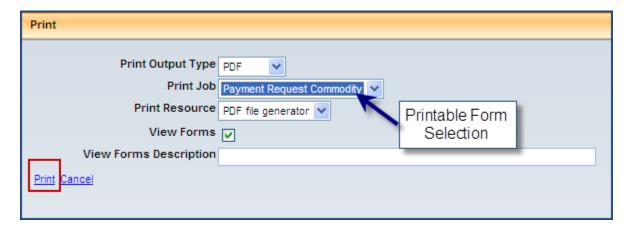




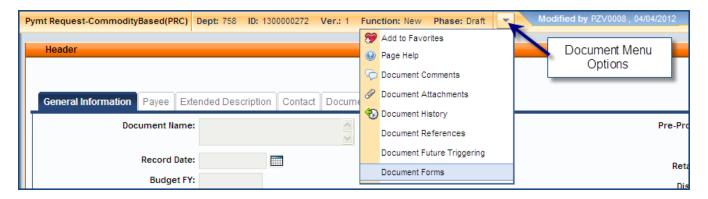


Printing

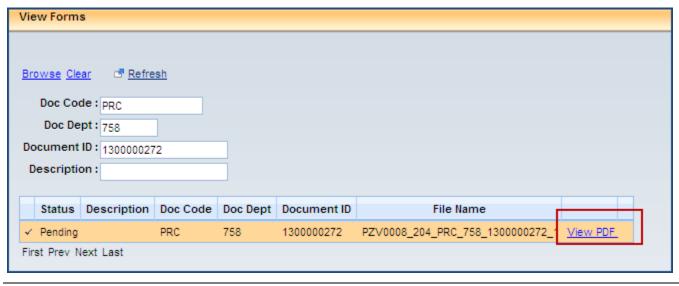
The Print button located on each document will generate a PDF within Document Forms provided a print form exists for the document.



The PDF is no longer saved as an attachment on the Document Header. Instead, the PDF is found in Document Forms located within the document menu options.



Open the PDF by clicking on View PDF.



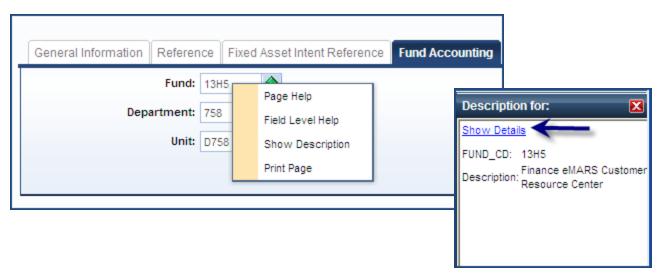




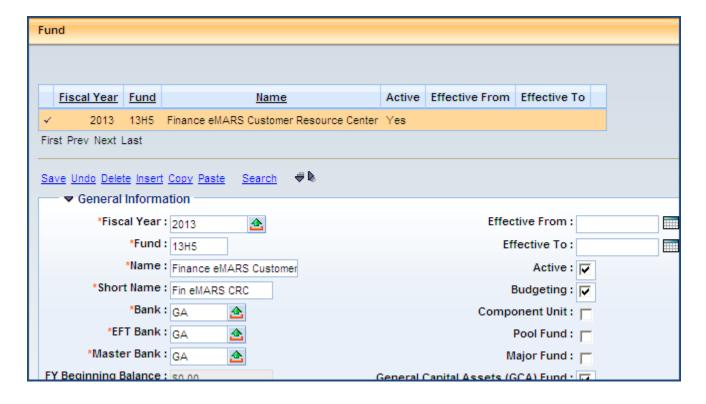
5 - Other Features

Show Description/Show Details

Select Show Description via right mouse click in any field with a populated value. A description of that value will appear.



Select Show Details from within the "Description for" box and the related reference table will open to the exact value.



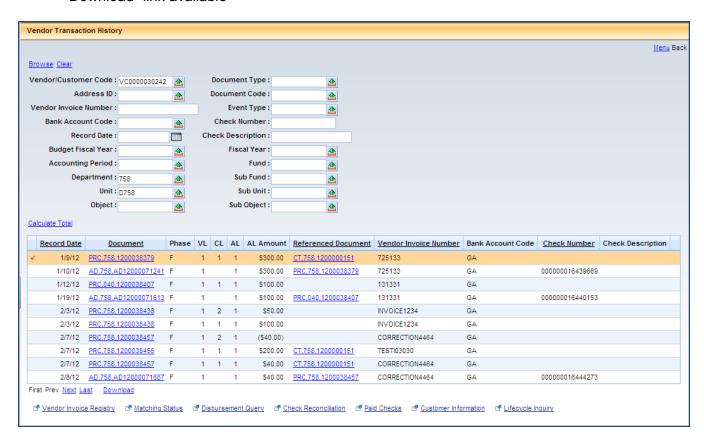




Vendor Transaction History

The Vendor Transaction History (VTH) table is a new table in eMARS 3.9 that provides multiple ways to search vendor transactions. Notible points include:

- Multiple searchable fields
 - Narrow search as much as possible
- Links to other useful tables available
- Displays both accrued and cash expenditures
- Document links will open the document provided the user has security
- "Download" link available







Forms

The Forms area from within the Message Center provides the ability to print a document form without having to open the document. Simply search for the Document ID within the Forms area and the PDF link is provided.

